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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOC ARMS IMPORTS

REF: STATE 2516

BEGIN SUMMARY: AUTHORITATIVE TURK MFA OFFICIAL, AFTER DISCUSSING USG POINTS RE GOC ARMS IMPORTS (REFTEL), DECLARES THAT GOT WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY MOVES OF ANY KIND UNTIL SOLID, CONFIRMED EVIDENCE OF NEW GOC ARMS IMPORTS IS UNCOVERED. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JAN 8 WE CALLED ON BARUTCU, IN CHARGE MFA'S CYPRUS-GREECE DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE POINTS RE ALLEGED GOC ARMS IMPORTS CONTAINED REFTEL. A LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED WHEN WE TOLD BARUTCU THAT OUR INFO WAS THAT THE SNAPPERS HAVE BEEN IN THE NATIONAL GUARD INVENTORY FOR SOME YEARS AND THAT WE DOUBTED THAT REPORTS OF THEIR PRESENCE REPRESENTED AN INCREASE IN ARMAMENTS.

2. IN MAKING THIS LATTER POINT, WE MENTIONED THAT THIS

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CONCLUSION ECHOED THAT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THE TURKS BY

THE BRITISH. BARUTCU APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING LEFT THIS IMPRESSION AND SAID IT WAS OSORIO-TAFALL WHO HAD CLAIMED THAT THE SNAPPERS HAD PROBABLY BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY THE GREEK ARMY IN 1968.

3. BARUTCU THEN ARGUED THAT THE PRESENCE OF SNAPPERS, EVEN IF THEY HAD INDEED BEEN ON THE ISLAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS, CONSTITUTED A NEW FACTOR AS FAR AS THE TURKS WERE CONCERNED AND THAT THEIR PRESENCE SHOULD BE PROTESTED. WE TOOK STRONG ISSUE WITH BARUTCU, POINTING OUT INTER ALIA THAT TURKS COULD BE MADE TO LOOK A BIT SILLY IF THEY CLAIMED THAT THE ARMS BALANCE ON THE ISLAND HAD BEEN CHANGED BY SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT THERE MANY YEARS BEFORE.

4. IN THANKING US FOR THE INFO (AND ADVICE) BARUTCU DECLARED THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE ANY STEPS OF ANY KIND UNTIL FIRM AND CONFIRMED EVIDENCE OF NEW GOC ARMS IMPORTS WAS OBTAINED.

5. COMMENT: BASED ON BARUTCU'S REACTIONS AND HIS PROMISE, WE WOULD JUDGE THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN TAMPED DOWN ABOUT AS FAR AS IT WILL GO UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE TURK MILITARY WILL NECESSARILY FEEL THE SAME WAY.
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